

LIVABLE DELAWARE ADVISORY COUNCIL

Paradee Building

July 14, 2003

Minutes

The Governor's Advisory Council on Planning Coordination held a meeting on Monday, July 14, 2003 at the UofD Paradee Center, State Personnel Training Center, Dover, Delaware.

Members Present:	Lt. Governor John Carney, Chair
	Secretary John Hughes
	Randy Marvel
	Paul Morrill
	Secretary Michael Scuse
	Lori Spagnolo
	Lee Ann Walling
Members Absent:	Director Judy Cherry
	Joe Corrado
	Sherry Freebery
	Secretary Nathan Hayward
	Mayor James L. Hutchinson
	Robert McLeod
	Ken Murphy
	Joe Myer
	Richard Pryor
	Marty Ross
	Rep. Roger Roy
	Robert Stickels
	Sen. Robert L. Venables
	Rick Woodin
Others Present:	Charles Baker, NCCo Land Use
	Sherri Evans-Stanten, DNREC
	Doug Gramiak, Office of Lt. Governor
	Connie Holland, State Planning
	Roger Jones, Nature Conservancy
	Andrea Kreiner, Office of the Governor
	Bob Zimmerman, DNREC

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Carney called the meeting to order at 1:20 P.M.

Mr. Carney introduced John Hughes, council member and Secretary of the Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control, to give a presentation on Green Infrastructure.

GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE

Secretary Hughes, Secretary of Agriculture Michael Scuse and Mr. Roger Jones of the Nature Conservancy gave a presentation on Green Infrastructure. (A summary from the presentation is attached).

In summary, the Green Infrastructure Subcommittee made five recommendations:

1. Incorporate green infrastructure strategies into state/local planning and investment.
2. Develop innovative landowner incentives to protect green infrastructure within growth areas.
3. Enhance and expand existing state programs to protect forests and forested wetlands throughout Delaware
4. Preserve working lands, enhance the economic viability of agriculture and forestry, and protect the health of Delaware's watersheds.
5. Adopt a 5-year goal to permanently protect 258,000 acres of natural resource and recreational lands and working lands.

During a brief discussion, it was decided that no action should be taken on the recommendations until information could be forwarded to members not in attendance and those who were present could digest and think about the information.

An extended discussion focused on the fifth recommendation and the significant financial commitment that would be needed from the state.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Andrea Kreiner of the Governor's Office provided a review of the recently ended Legislative session and the 2004 session as they relate to Livable Delaware legislation.

OTHER BUSINESS

None.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for September 8, 2003, 1:00 P.M., Paradee Building, Dover.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 3:25 P.M.